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Welcome to the April 2012 edition of the Radio HF Internet Newsletter. I'll begin with an apology. Some of you may have received spam e-mail from my e-mail account in the last week. For the second time in a few months my e-mail account was hacked and e-mails were sent out to people in my address book. Hopefully the problem has been solved now, once and for all. My apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Some of you may have heard of the dramatic cuts by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation radio and television services, plus the almost total elimination of the shortwave service, Radio Canada International (RCI) this month, as a result of the Canadian government's new Federal budget. In this month's edition we'll have a link to the RCI Action Committee, explaining the work they are doing, and the help you can offer to hopefully restore this once proud service.

LOTS OF NEW PUBLICATIONS: Please be sure to check out Publicity Zone #3 this month. The ARRL has many new books and CD-ROMs available this month. All of these, plus any other ARRL, RSGB and other specialty radio related publications are always available from Radio HF.

2012 BAILLIE BIRDATHON

My wife and I are a little over a month away from participating in our 10th annual Baillie Birdathon. During March you would have received an e-mail informing you of our participation and asking for your financial support for this cause which is very important to us. I thank those of you who quickly responded with pledges or donations. However, I must tell you that it looks like this is going to be our toughest year for raising pledges. The number we have received so far is extremely low and with less than two months to go before our Birdathon day it looks like we may be headed towards our lowest amount of funds collected since we began. We understand that everyone is going through difficult times plus there are all sorts of charities and organizations out there competing for your charitable donations. If you can add even just a few dollars to our funding drive, it would be greatly appreciated. The money is very important in helping Bird Studies Canada to protect birds, research and restoring habitats to ensure that the birds and the habitats are there for our future.
If you can help out, with any amount, you can send in your cheque, payable to Bird Studies Canada, to my Radio HF address, at Box 67063-Lemoyne, St. Lambert, Quebec J4R 2T8 Canada, or you can make a donation by PayPal to my ve2shw@... account. The third option, and perhaps the quickest and easiest, is to go directly to our Baillie Birdathon webpage and record your pledge by credit card right on our page. You'll see how we are doing, plus see a picture of me and my wife Darlene. We thank you in advance for your support. Here is the link:
http://www.gifttool.com/athon/MyFundraisingPage?ID=1914&AID=1845&PID=263459

You can learn more about the 2012 Baillie Birdathon at
http://www.bsc-eoc.org/support/birdathon/index.jsp?lang=EN

Our Monthly Special Zone for April features information on World Amateur Radio Day, Earth Day, International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action, and World Book & Copyright

Day.

This month's virtual voyage around the world, in the "Where in the World Zone", takes us to Kuwait, officially the State of Kuwait, a sovereign Arab state situated in the north-east of the Arabian Peninsula in Western Asia. It is bordered by Saudi Arabia to the south at Khafji, and Iraq to the north at Basra. It lies on the north-western shore of the Persian Gulf. The name Kuwait is derived from the Arabic meaning a fortress built near water. The country covers an area of 17,820 square kilometers (6,880 sq mi) and has a population of about 3.5 million.

Now on to this month's web sites.

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None this month

THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

We have a total of 5 contributors equaling the last two months. Thank you for your input. Please consider sending along an interesting link, or two, to share with your fellow subscribers.

Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Jonathan Marks, Hulzen, The Netherlands
Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario
Mike Terry, United Kingdom via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest
Robert Thomassin, Quebec, Quebec

THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY

http://www.arrl.org/news/view/april-18-is-world-amateur-radio-day

April 18 is World Amateur Radio Day.

EARTH DAY NETWORK

http://www.earthday.org/

The first Earth Day, on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. The passage of the landmark Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and many other groundbreaking environmental laws soon followed. Growing out of the first Earth Day, Earth Day Network (EDN) works with over 22,000 partners in 192 countries to broaden, diversify and mobilize the

environmental movement. More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

E-MINE ELECTRONIC MINE INFORMATION NETWORK

http://www.mineaction.org/overview.asp?o=2147

Mine action entails more than removing landmines from the ground. It includes actions ranging from teaching people how to protect themselves from danger in a mine-affected environment to advocating for a mine-free world. April 4 is International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.

WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY UNITED NATIONS

http://www.un.org/en/events/bookday/

It was a natural choice for UNESCO's General Conference, held in Paris in 1995, to pay a world-wide tribute to books and authors on this date, encouraging everyone, and in particular young people, to discover the pleasure of reading and gain a renewed respect for the irreplaceable contributions of those who have furthered the social and cultural progress of humanity. In this respect, UNESCO created both the World Book and Copyright Day and the UNESCO Prize for Children's and Young People's Literature in the Service of Tolerance.

THE APRIL ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia. The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day. Here is the link for the month of April.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/April

Also, here are some special days and events in April.

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

Amateur Radio Month
Earth Month
National Autism Awareness Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

8 14 National Library Week
14 22 National Park Week
15 21 National Environmental Education Week
15 21 National Volunteer Week

SPECIAL DAYS

2 United Nations: World Autism Awareness Day
4 International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
7 United Nations: World Health Day
8 Easter Day
18 World Amateur Radio Day
18 Adult Autism Day
22 Earth Day
23 United Nations: World Book and Copyright Day
27 National Arbor Day

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Jazz Appreciation Month
National Humor Month
20 Husband Appreciation Day
23 Movie Theatre Day

Source: Chase's Calendar of Events 2012
2012 National Health Observances, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
2012 Calendar of Events, California Department of Education
2012 USDA Health Observances & Holidays
2012 United Nations Observances
2012 Bizarre, Crazy, Silly Unknown Holidays and Observances

VIA http://ucanr.org/sites/Spanish/Calendario/April_2011/

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #1

NEW FROM KENWOOD

Kenwood TH-K20A 144 MHz (2 Meter) Handheld FM Transceiver

Boasting 5.5 watts of RF output, Kenwood's new TH-K20A radio is powerful. Despite being small enough to fit comfortably in the palm, it offers full-size performance and numerous features to ensure superb operating ease. Both display and keypad are backlit for nighttime use, and for added convenience everyday functions are pre-programmed to 11 keys with an additional PF key that can be assigned with a custom function. Plus, its construction is rugged enough to stand up to the worst weather.
For complete information on the Kenwood TH-K20A please visit the following Kenwood page

http://www.kenwood.ca/Communications/Amateur_Radio/Portables/TH-K20A

Kenwood products are available from Radio HF. Please contact us for pricing and availability.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ZONE
THIS MONTH KUWAIT

C.I.A. WORLD FACTBOOK KUWAIT

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ku.html

WIKIPEDIA KUWAIT

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuwait

OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT

http://www.da.gov.kw/eng/

TOURISM IN KUWAIT

http://www.tourism-in-kuwait.com/city-guides/

This is a Kuwait tourist and travel guide

RADIO STATION WORLD KUWAIT

http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/Kuwait/

This is a listing of broadcasting organizations and radio stations in Kuwait

KUNA THE KUWAITI NEWS AGENCY

http://www.kuna.net.kw/Default.aspx?language=en

The official news agency of Kuwait.

KUWAIT MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

http://www.media.gov.kw/Portal/default_en.asp

This website details the radio and TV stations in the country.

ONLINE NEWSPAPERS KUWAIT

http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/kuwait.htm

This is a listing of newspapers in Kuwait

THE RADIO ZONE

RCI ACTION COMMITTEE FACEBOOK GROUP

https://www.facebook.com/groups/61392551483/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Once again, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is inflicting catastrophic budget cuts on Radio Canada International, this time to the tune of an 80% budget reduction resulting in total elimination of shortwave broadcasts, shutdown of the English and French RCI newsrooms and the elimination of the Russian and Portuguese services. Find out more in this Facebook group

SWLING.COM

http://swling.com/index.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This guide has been put together to help you understand your shortwave radio and take your first steps into SWLing. The goal is to quickly get you on the air. By the time you read through this online primer, you will understand Universal Time, know the basic terminology of SWLing, be able to find a broadcast, and most importantly, know the best way to hear it.

THIRD ROCK RADIO

http://thirdrockradio.rfcmedia.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

THIRD ROCK is an online radio station, broadcasting live 24/7 with a mission of New Rock Discovery, and a passion for the excitement of what's happening at NASA. While the Space Shuttle era has come to a close at NASA, Space Exploration has only just begun! THIRD ROCK RADIO features updates on NASA's newest missions and discoveries, as well as a healthy dose of great New Rock music of all kinds, along with some that you already know and love.

RADIO JAMMING

http://www.radiojamming.info/

VIA Jonathan Marks, Hulzen, The Netherlands

This website is about radio broadcast jamming - the massive technological effort directed toward censoring unacceptable content in the USSR (1931-1988), Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, East Germany (1951-1988), China, Cuba, Iran, Vietnam (2003) and other countries. You'll find extensive articles, documents, photographs, sound recordings and more, in various

languages.

ROSS REVENGE STORY OF RADIO CAROLINE

http://www.rossrevenge.co.uk/tx/txroom.htm

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

This web site chronicles the story of Radio Caroline, a converted fishing trawler that was moored off the coast of England in late 60's to the 80's, broadcasting pop music to the masses, much to the disgust of the BBC and governments of the day. Although broadcasting illegally, it did push the BBC and the government of the time to open up the broadcast spectrum and heralded the establishment of commercial radio services in the UK and Europe. The vessel is now moored at Tilbury dock on the Thames and is in the process of becoming a bona-fide tourist attraction after years of work by groups of volunteers. The ship however, lost her original 300 ft mast which went overboard during a severe storm in 1987.
There's a pretty good section on the RCA Ampliphase transmitter that they used plus other assorted facts and details.

VINTAGE PROJECTS RADIOS

http://www.vintageprojects.com/diy-radio.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Want to build your own radio just like some people did back in the day? Here are a number of radio plans taken from magazines of the 50s and 60s. The articles are in PDF format.

RADIO WORLD WHAT'S NEXT IN RADIO TECHNOLOGY

http://radioworld.com/article/what%E2%80%99s-next-in-radio-technology/22825

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This article, prepared in 2011 for Radio World magazine, looks at the future for radio, including some interesting projections on streaming vs. broadcasting.

HAM SDR

http://www.hamsdr.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The purpose of this website is to enable amateur radio operators and others with an interest in Software Defined Radio (SDR) to share related ideas and information.
Although some of the functionality of this site is available to non-members, much of it is offered only to members. Membership is completely free, and you may register yourself for immediate access. Your membership information is treated respectfully as confidential data, and will never be forwarded to anyone for any purpose.

RADIO H.F. BOOK REVIEW ZONE

EDITOR: T. J. "Skip" Arey

Get on the Air with HF Digital
The Beginners Guide to PSK31, RTTY and More!
By Steve Ford, WB8IMY
ISBN: 978-0-87259-601-6
$25.95 - ARRL Order # 6019

This is one of those times when I get to show that I am an Old Grey Beard in this hobby. Back when I was first licensed as a ham in 1976 there was only one HF "Digital" Mode, that being 5 Bit Baudot RTTY, usually using something like a surplus Model 26 Mechanical Teleprinter (I can still smell the gear oil). As the personal computer revolution began, hams

finally convinced the powers that be that it would be to everyone's advantage to allow the use of the newer ASCII encoding techniques. Many early PC's used the Model 33 Teleprinter as the interface.
The Genie was out of the bottle and folks began to come up with more sophisticated digital signaling systems that bring us into a world with possibilities for communication that couldn't even been imagined by hams way back in the mid 70s.
But this sophistication can lead to some level of confusion, especially for a ham just trying to dip his or her toe into the digital waters. Thankfully, Steve Ford, WB8IMY gives us a great tool to allow us to jump in with both feet.
Steve begins with helping the reader assemble the parts of a basic HF Digital station. Almost any stable modern transceiver can be pressed into service along with a modest personal computer. Add a sound card, a simple easy to build or buy interface and a bit of free software found on line and you are ready to join in the fun. Steve even covers the emergence of tablet computing and how devices such as the Apple iPad are being pressed into service for digital ham radio. This is a long way from the noisy old Model 26!
With your station set up, Steve walks the reader through the more popular digital modes in common use today. He begins with a guide to PSK31, arguably the most popular digital mode at this time. This is followed by a study of RTTY, still the most popular mode for contesting and many DX operations.
Next comes JT65 a system developed by Nobel Laureate Dr. Joe Taylor K1JT. JT65 allows for communication with low power and marginal antennas in conditions that would give even the most stubborn CW Op a headache.
When conditions are as bad as they can get, serious digital Ops switch to the MFSK and Olivia Modes. Steve walks the reader through adding these less common but powerful modes to any digital station.
Steve closes out with a study of Pactor. This mode requires some additional hardware in the form of a specialized modem for communication. That said, it allows for error free communication making it especially desirable for EmComm and MARS transmission.
If you like to melt solder, the books appendix includes Skip Teller KH6TY's Digital VOX SoundCard Interface design.
If you want to start out right in HF digital communication, this book's information far exceeds the cover price. Highly recommended.

THE GENERAL ZONE

THE CANADIAN HERITAGE INFORMATION NETWORK

http://www.rcip-chin.gc.ca/index-eng.jsp

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN) allows Canadian museums to connect with each other and their audiences through the use of digital technologies. As a centre of excellence, CHIN offers investment programs and proposes resources such as virtualmuseum.ca and Professional Exchange. These sites, loaded with images, highlight Canadian museum collections, news, collaborative projects and resources aimed at professionals and the public at large.

TITANIC UNIVERSE

http://www.titanicuniverse.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

With the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, interest in the ship, and all things related to it, is at an all-time high. This site offers extensive information about the Titanic and all of the events marking the anniversary.

WRECK SITE

http://www.wrecksite.eu/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Wreck Site is the world largest online wreck database. We have 117.170 wrecks and 114.000 positions, 22.360 images, 1301 maritime charts, 22.110 ship owners and builders and a lot more...

PLANE CRASH INFO

http://planecrashinfo.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This website maintains a database of close to 5,500 airplane crashes worldwide, including details of each crash including airline, flight number, type of plane, photos (where available) and much more.

NORTH KOREA TECH

http://www.northkoreatech.org

VIA Mike Terry, United Kingdom

North Korea Tech is dedicated to covering and collecting information regarding the state of information technology and related industry in North Korea. You can expect to find articles related to Internet connectivity in the country (yes, it does exist), North Korea's use of technology, the country's centrally-controlled and heavily-censored mass media, independent media operations, and anything else that I think is linked to these areas.

RIDING THE SHUTTLE BOOSTERS

http://youtu.be/2aCOyOvOw5c

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

This video is compiled from two space shuttle launches. They attached cameras to the solid rocket boosters to show different angles and the resulting video covers from launch through separation to splashdown. In some shots, you can also see the other SRB separating and falling back to earth.

LOST NUKE

http://www.forbiddenknowledgetv.com/videos/radiation-poisoning/lost-nuke---full.html

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

The U.S. Air Force has finally declassified some documents and admitted that it really did lose its first nuclear bomb in 1950. This "Broken Arrow" incident happened during a training flight originating from Alaska. The aircraft crashed on a mountainside in British Columbia in February of 1950 and was not located until four years later! The complete story can be seen in this film clip.

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #3

What is new in books & publications from the American Radio Relay League, the Radio Society of Great Britain, and other publishers?

Hints & Kinks for the Radio Amateur 18th Edition
QST's monthly Hints & Kinks column is one of the most popular sections of the magazine and it's easy to see why. If you're in the mood for an evening or weekend project, you'll find it in Hints & Kinks. If you're looking for a solution to a problem, chances are you'll find it there as well.
The 18th edition of Hints and Kinks for the Radio Amateur gathers the best projects and problem-solving tips spanning 8 years from 2004 through 2011. It's more than 170 pages of practical information you can use every day.

Details: Softcover - 192 pages
Publisher: The American Radio Relay League, Inc.; Eighteenth Edition/First Printing (March 2012)
ISBN: 978-0-87259-520-0 - Order Number 5200
Price: $19.95 Canadian or U.S.

Short Antennas for 160 Meter Radio
By Grant Bingeman, KM5KG
160 meters is known to radio amateurs as "top band." However, 160-meter antennas can be large and difficult to install due to lack of available space.
Short Antennas for 160 Meter Radio dares to discuss the possibility of smaller antennas for this intriguing band. Grant Bingeman, KM5KG, walks you through the theory behind innovative designs for relatively compact antennas. You'll learn how to enhance bandwidth, minimize loss, and employ other techniques to enjoy 160 meters with limited real estate.
Details - Softcover: 64 pages
Publisher: The American Radio Relay League, Inc.; First Edition/First Printing (March 2012)
ISBN: 978-0-87259-579-8 - Order Number 5798
Price: $19.95 Canadian or U.S.

The ARRL 2012/13 Repeater Directory (Pocket-sized Edition)
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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

THE SPHYNX

http://www.sphynxquebec.com/e-direct.html

VIA Robert Thomassin, Quebec, Quebec

For cat lovers, the Sphynx is the latest cat breed from Canada. This cat has no hair on all of his body. The site has a live webcam and will soon have a laser game to play with the kittens in the comfort of your home.

WEIRDOMATIC

http://www.weirdomatic.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

What a weird and strange place that our planet has become and luckily for us this is so. Weirdomatic.com delivers healthy doses of this weirdness in all its goofy glory, when you read this blog you will see. Offering a balanced collection of photos and stories this blog is uniquely entertaining.

CRYPTOZOOLOGY RESEARCH TEAM

http://livingdinos.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

CRT is comprised of a group of individuals with a strong interest in the science of cryptozoology. In 2006 retired micro-biologist Peter G. Beach accompanied an expedition investigating a possible living prosauropod dinosaur in the rivers of Cameroon. Then, in 2007 he began conducting field research on reports of possible living pterosaurs in remote areas of the Pacific Northwest. Assisted by brothers Timothy and Phillip O'Donnell, they made a series surprising observations that lead to more research projects. When not on the field, Timothy is a graphic designer and his 3D models of dinosaurs and cryptids are featured on this site. Phillip organizes potential leads and collects information useful to the research. He also is a website designer and founder of Ktizo Studios. From Lake Okanagan to Lake Erie, CRT is on the cutting-edge of reptilian and dinosaurian cryptozoological studies.

THE 2012 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. This list is compiled by Radio Amateurs of Canada, and other sources.

Saturday, April 14, 2012
Montreal Spring Fleamarket - Marche aux Puce de Montréal
Montreal Amateur Radio Club
Location: Royal Canadian Legion Hall Branch #212 (LaSalle)
7771 Bouvier, (Coin de Shevchenko/Corner of Shevchenko)
Ville LaSalle, Quebec
Times: Vendeurs/Vendors 08h15 - 08:15 AM
Public/Public 09h00
Admission 5.00$; Tables 10,00$ each 18,00$ for two
Talk-in: VE2BG 147.060 (+)
Information: James R. Hay - Telephone (514)-990-1965 or (514)-697-7205
Emai: ve2arc@...
Webpage: http://www.marc.qc.ca/fest/fest.html
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Sunday, April 15, 2012
Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Inc Spring Flea Market
Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Inc
Location: Heritage Victoria Community Centre, 950 Sturgeon Road
Winnipeg, MB
Times: Vendor setup 9:45 am; Public 10:30 am
Admission: $3.00; Tables: $5.00 for WARC members, all others $10.00
Talk-in: VE4WPG repeater 147.390 MHz positive offset 127.3 tone
Info: Tables Ruth VE4XYL ve4se@... or 204-837-6915
For other information Dick VE4HK ve4hk@... or 204-256-3143
Email: ve4hk@rac.ca
Webpage: http://www.mts.net/~warc/

Saturday, April 21, 2012
2012 Durham Region Amateur Radio Hamfest
South Pickering Amateur Radio Club and North Shore Amateur Radio Club
Location: Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Rd. (Just one block east of Pickering Town Centre), Pickering, Ontario

ADMISSION: $6, Tables $25 in centre of room (incl. 1 person).
Wall tables $50 (incl. 1 person).
Talk-in: VE3SPA 147.375 (+offset), Tone 103.5 required.
Info: Please send any registration questions by email to Peter Henry, Registration Coordinator (VA3PWH@...) or call 905-436-9236 between 1000 and 2100hrs EDT.
For Non-Registration questions: Contact Walter Cang, Hamfest Chairman canadianamateur@...
Email: VA3PWH@...
Webpage: http://drhamfest.tripod.com/

Friday, May 4 & Saturday, May 5, 2012
New England Amateur Radio Festival (NEAR-Fest XI)
New England Amateur Radio Festival, Inc.
Location: The Deerfield Fairground is located on Route 43 approximately 15 miles NE of Manchester NH. GPS coordinates: N42d 5m 57.4" W71d 14m 33.5s (Lat 43.099286 Lon -71.242663).
Time: Gates open at 9:00 AM Friday for sellers and buyers.
Admission: $10.00 per person and $10.00 per vehicle into the flea market. Camping fees to be announced.
Talk-in: K1JEK/RPT 146.700 MHz (-600 PL 88.5) 146.52 direct 3.885 MHz Tune your car radio to FM 95.1 or AM 650 for continuous hamfest news and entertainment.
Email: W1RC@...
Webpage: http://www.near-fest.com/

Sunday, May 6, 2012
Maple Ridge Swap Meet
Maple Ridge Amateur Radio Club
Location: 12460 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows British Columbia
Time: Vendors at 7:30AM; public at 9:AM
Open For pancake breakfast 8:AM
Tables $20.00 Includes 1 entry and chance to win a radio
Entry $4.00 Includes chance to win a radio.
Talk-in: 146.800 -600 + Tone 156.7
Info: Nick 604 465-9476
Email: ve7te@...
Webpage: http://www.mrarc.net

Saturday, May 12, 2012
Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club's 28th Smiths Falls Flea Market
Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club inc.
Location: Smiths Falls Curling and Squash Club (this is a new location)
Old Sly's Road, Smiths Falls, ON
Time: Public: 9:00 am; Vendors: 7:00 am
Admission; $5.00 (includes a door prize ticket)
Tables: $10.00 (includes one admission.
Talk-in: VE3RLR on 147.21 MHz+
Email: ve3rlr@...
Webpage: http://ve3rlr.dynds.org
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Sunday, May 20, 2012
30th Anniversary "Hamfest du Quebec
Club Radioamateur Sorel-Tracy Inc.
Location: Colisée Cardin, 200 rue Victoria, Sorel-Tracy QC, J3P 7K1
Time: Vendors 6 am: Public 9 am
Admission: $5.00
Info and Reservations: Tel: Luc VE2DWE (450) 743-8676
E-mail: ve2cbs@...
Webpage: http://www.hamfest.qc.ca/Hamfest/Accueil.html

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, radio broadcasts and other resources that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962 and celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2012. Our monthly electronic newsletter, MESSENGER, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby as well as amateur radio coverage.
SPECIAL OFFER: To all Radio HF Internet Newsletter subscribers, a FREE sample of our monthly CIDX electronic newsletter, MESSENGER, (in .PDF format) is available to you for the asking. Just send along an e-mail to cidxclub@..., with a valid return e-mail address and you'll receive your copy. Our April 2012 edition is now available. Membership, at the low cost of $10 per year, is open to radio hobbyists worldwide.
Please visit the CIDX web page at http://www.cidx.ca

PRIME TIME SHORTWAVE

Prime Time Shortwave is a listing of English shortwave broadcast that are updated frequently by webmasters Daniel Sampson and by database administrator Ernest Riley. The schedules are constantly updated from various print and internet sources as well as from monitoring by the webmaster and other shortwave listeners and DXers. The shortwave schedules are available by time, country and frequency format. Also, they are available in ASCII, Dbase and Excel. You will also find links to some of the best radio related websites and to the international broadcasters and time conversion charts (some provided by Craig Braun). Please visit the Prime Time Shortwave webpage at

http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, celebrating its 24th anniversary on CKUT-FM, 90.3 FM in Montreal later this month, is available via the Internet live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1430 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Janice Laws and Sheldon Harvey, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting.

Visit the CKUT web page for full CKUT programming details.

http://www.ckut.ca

You can check us out on Facebook as well at https://www.facebook.com/groups/188158277887350/

You may also listen to archived editions of the programme through the CKUT web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@...

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

RCI's schedules for the Summer 2012 broadcast season (25 March to 27 October 2012) have been posted on the "Schedules and Frequencies" page of the RCI website at the following address:

http://www.rcinet.ca/english/schedule/

You will find our shortwave broadcast schedules, and also the schedules for 24-hour per day satellite channels on the HotBird satellite (Europe/North Africa/Middle East), plus access to RCI programming through the Worldwide Web. Stay in touch with Canada via Radio Canada International.

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